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My name is Patrick Droney and I am writing in opposition to this bill. As someone who has worked in the law enforcement profession for over 31 years, including over 28 in the town of Enfield and most recently as a police chief in Massachusetts. I fail to understand either the logic or motivation of reducing the drug free zones from 1,500 feet to 200 feet. This makes absolutely ZERO sense to me. Why would any responsible legislator look to reduce the distance from which child predators...aka drug dealers....would be allowed to ply their trade? Have you not read of the current epidemic occurring not only in big cities such as Hartford, Bridgeport and New Haven but also smaller communities such as East Windsor, where people are DYING from heroin overdoses, including a 14 YEAR OLD CHILD? How ironic is it that the same state legislature, who used children as a prop after the Sandy Hook tragedy in order to implement virtual confiscation of firearms, now is willing to put children at risk to help out drug dealers? This is beyond absurd. There is no reason other than political pandering for passing such a bill.

You used children last year to pass confiscatory gun legislation. Please don't let yourselves fall victim to the ultimate in hypocrisy. If you truly are concerned for the safety and welfare of children, this bill does NOTHING to promote that. I implore you to please consider the opinion of numerous law enforcement officials in opposing this bill.

Thank you.

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